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1. In 1950, Fedor Fedotovich Kuznetsov was appointed the chairman of a special sub-committee of the Central Committee of the CPSU. The task of this sub-committee [redacted] was to coordinate all operational (including war plans), logistical (including civil production for military consumption), and physical security functions of the Soviet Army and Soviet Navy. The sub-committee chairman was granted extensive powers, and Kuznetsov was directly responsible to the Politburo and to Stalin.
2. The role of Kuznetsov, who was a colonel general at that time, as chairman was largely military-industrial, with emphasis on the supervision of technological resources throughout the USSR that could be made available to the armed forces. In 1949, when Kuznetsov quit his post as deputy chairman of the Committee of Information, he returned to the GRU (Chief Intelligence Directorate), General Staff, Ministry of War, as chief of the directorate. In 1950, when the special sub-committee was formed, Kuznetsov gave up his GRU post to devote his full time to the chairmanship of this sub-committee.

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3. [redacted] The chief purpose for the establishment of this sub-committee of the Central Committee of the CPSU was to consolidate Central Committee control of the then separate Ministries of War and the Navy. [redacted]

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